

of America. I hope to continue correspondence with him, that he may, with God's blessing, be fully and firmly enlisted. We ought to pray for such men, and for such as Benj. Tappan, in Congress. I fear we have not thus sufficiently put our trust in God, while, like Cromwell's soldiers, we have been keeping our powder dry, from the flood of ions.

I think I never felt my entire dependence on God so much as now. I dare not take a step in this wilderness, without looking to see if I have hold of the hand of my Heavenly Father. My greatest grief is that I ever let go that dear hand for a single moment; and my greatest comfort is that God has so graciously "delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling." Oh! that every friend of the dying slave may realize and profit by this truth.

I mentioned to Bro. St. Clair that if I took an Agency I wish to continue in it for at least three years. I wish to have it so arranged, too, that I can always (Providence permitting,) preach Christ as I go—especially on Sabbaths. There is no Agency, after all, like that of preaching Christ—not bigotedly, not to the neglect of pure Anti-Slavery argument—but in the spirit and power of vital religion.

"The soul! the soul! that deathless thing": the importance of its salvation, and the hope of saving it "by the foolishness of preaching": this is a part of the one idea which we may never innocently forget or neglect.

Pray an interest in your prayers, and a remembrance among all the brethren.

Truly thine,
Charles M. Denison.

Rev. C. W. Denison.

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Dear Brother Phelps.

I wrote Bro. St. Clair, about three weeks since, respecting my taking an Agency for the M. A. S., when my year expires here in Sept. In my letter I requested him to inform me, as soon as possible, whether or not there was a prospect of an open door in that field. But as I have heard nothing from him, I am led to think either that he is absent from Boston, (whether my communication was directed,) or that the communication itself has miscarried.

My reasons for wishing to know something on the subject, ere long, must be sufficiently obvious. Other doors of usefulness stand open to me, and I am anxious to enter the one which promises to afford me opportunities of doing the greatest good. I frankly say I think I could be useful, under God, in Massachusetts; but whether or not in connection with your Soc., is for the Ex. Com. to determine.

Be so good, therefore, as to acquaint me with the exact state of the case, as soon as your engagements will permit. I should be glad to hear from you this week - or early in next week.

I have just received a letter from Bro. L. Tappan, in which he mentions some cheering indications. 1840 is to be, in some respects, the memorable Anti-Slavery year. Oh! for the wisdom, and zeal, and heroism which are profitable to direct.

Another letter just rec'd from Bryant, the Poet, indicates an improved state of moral feeling. God grant that it may increase a thousand fold. He is one of those men we want - for, in many particulars, he is more than the Montgomery